

## Weather Report

Temperature for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today — Maximum 93 minimum 54.

Monterey Bay area — Fair but patches of fog tomorrow morning; cooler; westerly winds, 8-15 m.p.h. afternoons.

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## City Sewer, Ben Lomond Pleas Denied

Sacramento (A.P.). — The state public works board today approved almost 2½ million dollars in state grants to help communities stricken by floods last winter restore roads, streets and other public facilities.

The aid, covering 22 applications, was the first given under the \$24,900,000 flood relief bill passed by the 1956 legislature.

The largest single grant was \$1,075,000 for replacing the partially destroyed Nicolaus bridge on the Feather river in Sutter county.

Other large amounts included \$276,376 to Sonoma county for restoration of county roads and bridges; \$221,763 to Plumas county for roads and bridges, \$203,604 to Santa Clara county for drainage system repairs; \$216,488 to bridges and \$236,938 to Yuba county for roads and bridges.

The board denied the request of the Ben Lomond recreation district in Santa Cruz county on grounds that there was no general public interest in the damage there.

Also turned down were applications by the city of Santa Cruz for aid in restoring a city outfall sewer system and by the Fresno Irrigation district for canal repairs.

Frank R. Durkee, state public works director and a board member, said a total of 126 applications grossing \$20,423,000 have been filed with the state to date.

He said his department is giving speedy treatment to screening the applications in hopes of getting them acted upon before the summer construction season ends.

State Finance Director John M. Peirce, board chairman, said the aid was limited to restoration of public facilities to their pre-flood condition in most cases.

An attorney general's opinion, he said, held that state funds could not be used for betterment of works unless the betterment was incidental to bringing the damaged facilities up to minimum standards.

Other aid applications approved included:

City of Santa Cruz—\$93,535 for bridges, city streets and street traffic markings.

City of Capitola—\$704 for embankment repairs.